

the Unity Democratic Club for over 40 years, and served as the first female President of the organization during her tenure, as well as being the Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

Ms. Brown's efforts have extended well beyond what has ever been asked of her and she continues to this day to exemplify her passion for the community. In her spare time Ms. Brown is a member of Area Policy Board and has been a member of Planning Board No. 3 for 30 years. She has also taken an active role at the Key Women Brooklyn Branch where she has served as President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer.

Ms. Brown has been a resident in Brooklyn for over 90 years and has been a major influence in the lives of her fellow constituents. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Bernice Brown for her extraordinary ability to build partnerships between the church and the community while furthering the political process in Brooklyn.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. TRUMAN KAHN

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of optometrist and World War II Navy veteran, Dr. Truman Kahn. He was a longtime Memphian whose courage and compassion were felt by those who knew him. Throughout his life, he donated his time to the Sam Schloss Lodge of B'nai B'rith, Beth Shalom Congregation, the Memphis Jewish Federation, and the Democratic Party, as well as being a Hadassah Associate.

Dr. Truman Kahn attended Emory University where he was a member of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity. After leaving Emory University, Dr. Kahn came to Memphis to attend the Southern College of Optometry, where he graduated with honors. During World War II, Dr. Kahn enlisted in the U.S. Navy to serve his country in its time of need. After training at Notre Dame, he served as an officer aboard the USS *Ticonderoga* aircraft carrier. Dr. Kahn's name can be found on both the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. as well as at the WWII Museum in New Orleans.

When World War II ended, Dr. Kahn returned to Memphis after being honorably discharged from the Navy. He married his wife, Gloria Kahn, and opened his first optometry clinic in 1947. Like most other buildings in the southern states during this time period, medical offices were segregated based upon racial identity. Dr. Kahn chose to defy this practice, becoming the first medical professional in Memphis to have an integrated waiting room. Dr. Kahn continued to practice optometry for over 50 years.

Dr. Kahn passed away at 89 years of age. He is survived by his wife, his daughter Susan Dreyfus, his son Stanley Kahn, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. His service to country and community will be remembered by all whose lives he touched. His was a life well lived.

IN HONOR OF THE TEXAS RANGERS FACES OF FREEDOM VET- ERAN HONOREES

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Texas Rangers Faces of Freedom Veteran Honorees for their dedicated service to this great Nation.

The Texas Rangers Faces of Freedom program is an initiative sponsored by the Texas Rangers baseball club and Southwest Airlines to honor the extraordinary service of current and former members of our Nation's Armed Forces. Throughout the baseball season, family, friends and members of the military nominated individuals who have shown tremendous strength, courage, and patriotism in the line of duty.

These honorees have served in wars ranging from World War II to the present day conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Many of these men and women braved horrible situations and suffered severe injuries to save their fellow soldiers. Among the group are several Bronze Star recipients, Purple Heart recipients, Commendation Medal recipients, a married couple who served significant tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, and many more extraordinary individuals who have selflessly served our Nation with distinct pride and courage.

On November 10, 2011, my office had the distinct pleasure of welcoming these brave men and women to our Nation's Capitol. Their sense of patriotism and good humor are a testament to the greatest our country has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our heartfelt gratitude and praise for the Faces of Freedom Veterans, and thank them for their extraordinary service to our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mr. BILL POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I am a cosponsor of H.R. 674, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities. I supported passage of the bill in the House of Representatives on October 27 and again, with Senate amendments, on November 16. I was also a cosponsor of similar legislation (H.R. 275) in the 111th Congress. Although I was on the House floor and voting on November 16, my vote was not recorded for H.R. 674. I would like for the record to read that I should have been recorded as a "yes" vote.

RECOGNIZING WILLY BEARDEN FOR 33RD ANNUAL DISTIN- GUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE CREATIVE AND PER- FORMING ARTS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Mr. Willy Bearden for receiving the 33rd annual Distinguished Achievement Award in the Creative and Performing Arts from the College of Communication and Fine Arts at the University of Memphis. Mr. Bearden is a unique filmmaker, musician and storyteller, and he has used his talents to tell the distinct tales about the great city of Memphis, Tennessee.

Willy Bearden is perhaps best known for his Memphis Memoirs, a series of documentary films detailing the rich local history. The series includes Overton Park: A Century of Change, Playing for a Piece of the Door: A History of Garage Bands in Memphis and Elmwood: Reflections of Memphis. Mr. Bearden also has a feature film to his credit, One Came Home, which was inspired by his Mississippi Delta roots.

His recent Memphis Legacy Project, a collection of thousands of photographs of various neighborhoods around Memphis, will be a resource for local researchers and artists for years to come. Mr. Bearden has also generously given back to his community by lending his talents to the Blues Foundation, the Cotton Museum and the Memphis Wonders Series for corporate and educational films, commercials and award show productions.

The Distinguished Achievement Award was established in 1977 after the death of Elvis Presley when Dr. John Bakke, a communications professor at the University of Memphis, suggested that local talent should be honored while they are still alive. Willy Bearden joins Sam Phillips, founder of Sun Records, B.B. King, Al Green, Rufus Thomas and a host of other talented Memphis recipients.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Willy Bearden. It is important to recognize and appreciate talent while we are fortunate enough to enjoy their continued output. My hope is that Mr. Bearden continues sharing his gifts and unique perspective with us for years to come.

HONORING NEW HOPE BAPTIST MISSIONARY CHURCH ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Santa Maria, California, and in celebration of its 50th Anniversary. This is a momentous occasion. For the last 50 years New Hope Missionary Baptist Church has been a beacon of light, providing support for our community and empowering families on the Central Coast.

Founded in November 1961 in the home of Brother Lwellyn and Sister Setha Crow, with